ducted on hoarders and blackmarketeers of essential commodities in Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what has been the result of these raids and what action has been taken against each hoarders and blackmarketeers; and

(d) if no such raids were conducted, what are the reasons therefor and what is the policy of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) From the last week of August 1987 to 15-11-1987, 591 raids were conducted by agencies of Delhi Administration against licencees and others covered by different Control Orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act.

(c) Departmental action was taken in 260 cases and First Information Reports (FIR) lodged in 40 cases.

(d) Does not arise.

Unauthorised Construction in Delhi

1427. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the illegal occupation of plots and unauthorised construction in Delhi is going on unchecked;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry of Urban Development has convened a meeting of all concerned in the matter and discussed the issue with them;

(d) if so, when and what is the outcome of the said discussion;

(e) if answer to part (c) above be in negative, the reasons for which no steps have been initiated in this regard; and

(f) whether any action has so far been taken against the officers who are responsible for not checking illegal occupation and unauthorised construction but allowing it and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Checking of fair price shops

1428. SHRI J P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of fair price shops which were checked by the concerned authorities during the last six months;

(b) whether any irregularities were found in the course of checking of these fair price shops;

(c) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken against the erring fair price shop owners;

(d) the status of officers who checked the fair price shops; and

(e) whether the activities of these checking staff is also monitored; and whether senior officers also pay surprise visits to the fair price shops and if so, what are the details in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K L. BHAGAT): (a) to (e) The Primary responsibility of the inspection and enforcement of the scheme of Public Distribution System, in their res-